THE GREEN HOUSE TRIBE

The pink form of Common Heath, *Epacris impressa*, was proclaimed the floral emblem of Victoria on 11 November 1958. Victoria was the first Australian State to give official recognition to such an emblem.

The generic name *Epacris* is derived from the Greek 'epi', meaning 'upon', and 'akris', meaning 'a hill', referring to the elevated habitat of some species. The specific name *impressa*, Latin for 'impressed' or 'indented', refers to five dimples on the outside of the basal part of the floral tube.

The winter flowering of the Pink Heath with its vibrant green leaves surprises people with its welcome addition of colour to bushland in southern Victoria.